



A child remains a dependent of Washington State for safety and services until parent(s) are willing and able to safely provide care on their own; or, until another safe permanent home is found.

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS	
Child's Social Worker	Name
Lawyer	Phone Number
School/Daycare	
Father Support Person	
Other	

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Fathers are important to their children's well-being. This card has information on supports and services available to you when the child welfare system is involved with your child.

## TIPS FOR FATHERS

If the Department of Social and Health Services Child Protective Services or Family Assessment Response is involved in your child's life, you may have many questions about your rights and responsibilities. To help you understand them, you may contact your child's social worker, whose name and contact information is on the back of this card. This card contains basic information on court processes and places where you can go for assistance. Remember, you are important to your child's well-being.

### When interacting with child welfare service workers or the courts:

- Stay focused on the well-being of your child
- Be on time for and attend all court hearings and meetings regarding your child. Do your best to stay calm. Dress professionally, bring all of the paperwork that has been requested, and pay attention to those who are speaking.
- Showing respect for others involved in your child's life sets a good example for the child.

### RESOURCES

<b>I need help with child care</b>	<a href="http://wa.childcareaware.org">http://wa.childcareaware.org</a> <i>Child Care Aware of Washington</i> 1-800-416-4321
<b>I need information on domestic violence programs</b>	<a href="https://www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/domestic-violence">https://www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/domestic-violence</a> <i>Washington State Domestic Violence Hotline</i> 1-800-562-6025
<b>I would like to apply for income assistance</b>	<a href="https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/how-apply-services">https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/how-apply-services</a> 1-877-501-2233
<b>I need help with food</b>	<a href="http://www.foodhelp.wa.gov/">www.foodhelp.wa.gov/</a> 1-800-501-2223
<b>I need medical insurance</b>	<a href="http://www.wahbexchange.org">www.wahbexchange.org</a> <i>Health Benefits Exchange</i> 1-800-923-4633
<b>I have questions about child support</b>	<a href="http://www.dshs.wa.gov/dcs/">www.dshs.wa.gov/dcs/</a>
<b>I need information on housing</b>	<a href="https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/housing-and-essential-needs">https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/community-services-offices/housing-and-essential-needs</a>